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For: TASTE MASKING RAPID RELEASE
COATING SYSTEM

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: Examiner: KISHORE

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Dear Sir:

In further response to the Official Action dated October 15, 2002, in which claims 1, 4-18 and 21-25 were rejected, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: